

Senate Resolution 1354

By: Senator James of the 35th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending TAQWA Productions, Inc.; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, established in 1984, TAQWA Productions, Inc., is a nonprofit organization that  
3 has amassed the largest collection of originally produced Islamic videos in America; and

4 WHEREAS, TAQWA Productions specializes in using video as a marketing tool that has an  
5 incredible impact on expanding markets and bottom lines; and

6 WHEREAS, this outstanding organization tracks and archives the significant contributions  
7 Muslim Americans make, providing a historical database for future generations to use for  
8 education and enjoyment; and

9 WHEREAS, President of TAQWA Productions Hassan Shakir has led numerous  
10 humanitarian efforts on the organization's behalf, including a Peace Initiative and  
11 Humanitarian Vision, the creation of a documentary film for the people of Kenya, West  
12 Africa, and working with Somalian, Ethiopian, and Bangladeshi communities to produce  
13 television programs; and

14 WHEREAS, TAQWA Productions teaches the next generation of television producers how  
15 to film, edit DVD authoring, video blog, create digital presentations, and prepare webcast  
16 and live stream video and audio for conferences and lectures on the Internet; and

17 WHEREAS, the organization has filmed numerous conferences and events, including the  
18 National Islamic Conferences of the late Imam Warith Deen Mohammed, the Islamic Circle  
19 of North America, the Nigerian Conference at the Georgia International Convention Center,  
20 the BADR Conference, the 2nd Annual Trade Summit of East Africa, the Blacks in  
21 Technology Conference, the Ghana EXPO, the Islamic Convention in Chicago, and the  
22 Global Alliance Documentary on Homeless Children in Kenya; and

23 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding work of this fine  
24 organization and its numerous contributions to the citizens of this state be appropriately  
25 recognized.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
27 commend TAQWA Productions, Inc., on its incredible work sustaining Islamic culture  
28 through the preservation of film and the education of arising filmmakers.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
30 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to TAQWA Productions, Inc.